## Part 405 – Personal Property Subpart B - Accidents

# WV405.12 Investigating Accidents

## (a) **PROCEDURE**

NRCS employees occupying the position listed below are hereby designated accident investigating officers for the county specified.

|            | <b>District Conservationist</b> |                |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| County     | Headquartered At:               | Telephone      |
| Barbour    | Philippi                        | (304) 457-4516 |
| Berkeley   | Martinsburg                     | (304) 263-7547 |
| Boone      | Hamlin                          | (304) 824-3530 |
| Braxton    | Gassaway                        | (304) 364-5103 |
| Brooke     | Wheeling                        | (304) 242-0576 |
| Cabell     | Huntington                      | (304) 697-6033 |
| Calhoun    | Glenville                       | (304) 462-7171 |
| Clay       | Gassaway                        | (304) 364-5103 |
| Doddridge  | Mt. Clare                       | (340) 624-9232 |
| Fayette    | Beckley                         | (304) 255-9225 |
| Gilmer     | Glenville                       | (304) 462-7171 |
| Grant      | Petersburg                      | (304) 257-4702 |
| Greenbrier | Lewisburg                       | (304) 645-6172 |
| Hampshire  | Romney                          | (304) 822-3020 |
| Hancock    | Wheeling                        | (304) 242-0576 |
| Hardy      | Moorefield                      | (304) 530-2825 |
| Harrison   | Mt. Clare                       | (340) 624-9232 |
| Jackson    | Cross Lanes                     | (304) 776-5256 |
| Jefferson  | Ranson                          | (304) 725-3471 |
| Kanawha    | Ripley                          | (304) 372-6231 |
| Lewis      | Weston                          | (304) 269-8431 |
| Lincoln    | Hamlin                          | (304) 824-3530 |
| Logan      | Hamlin                          | (304) 824-3530 |
| Marion     | Whitehall                       | (304) 363-8861 |
| Marshall   | Wheeling                        | (304) 242-0576 |
| Mason      | Pt. Pleasant                    | (304)-675-2020 |
| McDowell   | Princeton                       | (304) 487-1404 |
| Mercer     | Princeton                       | (304) 487-1404 |
| Mineral    | Keyser                          | (304) 788-2332 |
| Mingo      | Hamlin                          | (304) 824-3530 |
| Monongalia | Morgantown                      | (304) 291-4377 |
| Monroe     | Union                           | (304) 772-3006 |
| Morgan     | Martinsburg                     | (304) 263-7547 |
| Nicholas   | Summersville                    | (304) 872-1731 |

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#### **District Conservationist**

| County     | Headquartered At: | Telephone      |
|------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Ohio       | Wheeling          | (304) 242-0576 |
| Pendleton  | Franklin          | (304) 358-2285 |
| Pleasants  | Sistersville      | (304) 758-2173 |
| Pocahontas | Buckeye           | (304) 799-4317 |
| Preston    | Kingwood          | (304) 329-1923 |
| Putnam     | Pt. Pleasant      | (304) 675-2020 |
| Raleigh    | Beckley           | (304) 255-9225 |
| Randolph   | Elkins            | (304) 636-6703 |
| Ritchie    | Parkersburg       | (304) 422-9072 |
| Roane      | Spencer           | (304) 927-1022 |
| Summers    | Princeton         | (304) 487-1404 |
| Taylor     | Whitehall         | (304) 363-8861 |
| Tucker     | Elkins            | (304) 636-6703 |
| Tyler      | Sistersville      | (304) 758-2173 |
| Upshur     | Weston            | (304) 269-8431 |
| Wayne      | Huntington        | (304) 697-6033 |
| Webster    | Summersville      | (304) 872-1731 |
| Wetzel     | Sistersville      | (304) 758-2173 |
| Wirt       | Parkersburg       | (304) 422-9072 |
| Wood       | Parkersburg       | (304) 422-9072 |
| Wyoming    | Beckley           | (304) 255-9225 |

All accidents involving employees of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be investigated by one of the investigators named above. Investigating officer will notify the State Administrative Officer by telephone when an NRCS employee is performing official duties, is involved in any accident which:

- (1) causes serious injury to private persons.
- (2) causes private property damage in excess of \$2,500.

Investigating officers may, at their option, request assistance by telephone in the event of any accident which, in their opinion, merits the immediate attention of the State Administrative Officer.

Investigating officers should not investigate their own accidents but should call upon another investigating officer. When an investigating officer is not within a reasonable distance or is unavailable to investigate an accident, the Government driver or another NRCS employee at the scene will make a complete report to the proper investigating officer. Government drivers involved in an automobile accident:

- (1) in West Virginia shall call upon the investigating officer located nearest the scene of the accident:
- outside West Virginia shall contact the State Administrative Officer in West Virginia who shall arrange for an immediate investigation.

Motor Vehicle Accidents and Damages to Motor Vehicles and/or Government-owned Property in Vehicles.

- (a) Definition: Motor Vehicle Accidents Incident involving the operation of any motor vehicle that is being used for official business and that results in damage to property or injury to persons.
- (b) Federal forms required:

SF-91 – Operator's Report of Motor Vehicle Accident – <a href="http://contacts.gsa.gov/webforms.nsf/0/9452CD3A30CB625F85256B7D00729048/">http://contacts.gsa.gov/webforms.nsf/0/9452CD3A30CB625F85256B7D00729048/</a> <a href="mailto:sf91.pdf">\$file/sf91.pdf</a>

complete for all motor vehicle accidents as defined above. Operator submits to supervisor within 24 hours. Supervisor submits to SAO within 3 days.

AD-872- Property Damage Incident –

http://www.wv.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/wv amend/ad872.pdf

Complete for all motor vehicle accidents and incidents with estimated damage of \$350 or more. Investigating Officers submits to SAO within 3 days.

SF-94 – Statement of Witness –

http://www.wv.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/wv amend/sf94.pdf

Completed by witnesses, if any. Operator or investigating officer submits to SAO within 7 days.

CA-1 (USDA) - Report of Injury -

http://www.afm.ars.usda.gov/forms/CLAIMS/CA1.PDF

Complete if government employee injured. Should be filed to supervisor within 2 days after injury and must be filed within 30 days in order to obtain continuation of pay for a disabling traumatic injury. Supervisor submits to SAO within 2 working days after receipt.

AD-112 – Report of Unserviceable, Lost, or Damaged Property – <a href="http://www.ocio.usda.gov/irm/forms/download/AD0112-F-03-94.pdf">http://www.ocio.usda.gov/irm/forms/download/AD0112-F-03-94.pdf</a>
Complete if there is damage beyond repair of government noncapitalized or capitalized property as a result of a motor vehicle accident or as a result of vandalism or if government noncapitalized or capitalized property is stolen as a result of a motor vehicle accident or as a result of vandalism. (Examples include vehicle, mobile radio, camera stolen or damaged beyond repair.) Accountable property officer submits to SAO within 3 days.

- (c) Additional information on reporting motor vehicle accidents is contained in Title 360 of the General Manual.
- (d) If a vehicle operator is injured and cannot comply with reporting requirements, his or her supervisor is to provide the reports.

### (e) Police Requirements:

<u>Police Report</u> – All accidents, in which a private individual is involved, except those that result in negligible property damage, should be reported to the local or state police. If the police make an investigation the investigating officer should obtain a copy of that report if possible and submit it to the SAO. There should not be a charge for providing a copy of this to the federal government.

DMV Operators or Owner's Accident Report (Form DMV-121-F) — Obtain from police when they investigate. The name of the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injuries, death or property damage to an apparent extent of \$250.00 or more for all damage must, within 5 days, file a report of the accident with the West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles on their form DMV-121-F. If the driver is incapable of submitting this report the investigating office should complete and submit the form to the Department of Motor Vehicles. On the form side of the DMV-121-F form dated 7/81 there is a portion on Insurance Information — the answer to the four questions is no and you should write in that space that this is a federally owned vehicle and the federal government is self-insured. You will not fill out the West Virginia Insurance Certification located below the Insurance Information. Leave the back blank since the federal government is self-insured. This form is not submitted to the SAO-only to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The driver should keep a copy for his or her own records. All acts of vandalism should be reported to the police.

- (f) Examples of forms required for different situations:
  - (1) Vandalism Damage (i.e., window knocked out, battery stolen)-vehicle is parked:

(a) Damage estimate less than \$350.00 none (b) Damage estimate \$350 or more AD-872

- (2) Vandalism Damage Plus loss of government noncapitalized or capitalized property (i.e., window broken out and camera or mobile radio stolen or damaged beyond repair) vehicle is parked:
  - (a) Damage estimate (including property loss)
    less than \$350 (AD-112 required for camera
    or mobile radio)

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  - (b) Damage estimate (including property loss) \$350 or more (AD-112 required for camera or Mobile radio) AD-112, AD-872
- (3) Government vehicle is moving flying rock nicks windshield:

(a) Damage estimate less than \$350 SF-91, AD-872 (b) Damage estimate \$350 or more SF-91, AD-872

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